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COUNTY

DOYLE ANNOUNCES STOP-DWI POSTER WINNERS

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle announced the winners for the thirteenth annual STOP-DWI poster contest today. The winning posters will be used to promote the dangers of driving while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

"This poster contest puts the dangers of drinking and driving at the forefront of students' minds, especially now during this critical season of proms and graduations," said Doyle. "We also hope that these creative designs will generate awareness among students and our community for the urgency of the STOP-DWI message."

First place honors in the graphic arts category went to Justin Bombard from Eastern Monroe Career Center, winning \$250.00 for his poster stating, "INNOCENT LIFE." Second place was awarded to Joseph Gminski from WeMoCo Occupational Center, winning \$100.00 for his poster stating, "STOP GAMBLIMG" and third place went to Cory Yaniro from Greece Odyssey High School, winning \$50.00 for her poster, "MOMMY DIED." Two honorable mentions were also awarded to Casey LoDolce and Jessica Phelan, both from Eastern Monroe Career Center.

First place honors in the non-graphic arts category went to Allison Kepler from Our Lady of Mercy High School, winning \$250.00 for her poster stating, "DWI KILLS." Second place was awarded to Julia Darcy also from Our Lady of Mercy High School, winning \$100.00 for her poster stating, "FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS," and third place went to Andrew Hoffere from Rush Henrietta High School, winning \$50.00 for his poster stating, "A DEADLY COMBINATION." One honorable mention was awarded to Laila Gareys from Rush Henrietta High School.

Eight high schools participated in the event with 71 entries submitted from Monroe County students. Judges for this year's contest were Deb DeCaire, Monroe County Traffic Safety, and Virginia Verhagen, Elaine Tette, and Mary Sue Liberatore, all of Monroe County Department of Public Safety.

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The winning $1^{\rm st}$ place posters will be advertised as a billboard later this year. Monroe County's STOP-DWI program sponsored, organized and provided the contest with cash prizes.

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